

House File 162 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a leave of absence from regular employment for
2 a person elected to municipal or county office and providing
3 an effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2017HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 55.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 A person who is elected to a municipal, county, state, or
1 4 federal office shall, upon written application to the employer
1 5 of that person, be granted a leave of absence from regular
1 6 employment to serve in that office except where prohibited by
1 7 the federal law. However, a person elected to a municipal or
1 8 county office shall have the option of making written
1 9 application to the employer of that person for a leave of
1 10 absence from regular employment only for such time as
1 11 necessary to attend the meetings required by that office and
1 12 to otherwise perform the duties of office and such leave shall
1 13 be granted. The leave of absence may be granted without pay
1 14 and shall be granted without loss of net credited service and
1 15 benefits earned. This section shall not be construed to
1 16 require an employer to pay pension, health, or other benefits
1 17 during the leave of absence to an employee taking a leave of
1 18 absence under this section.
1 19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 20 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
1 21 EXPLANATION
1 22 This bill allows a person elected to municipal or county
1 23 office to request, and be granted, a leave of absence from
1 24 regular employment only for such time as necessary to attend
1 25 the meetings required by that office and to otherwise perform
1 26 the duties of that office.
1 27 The bill takes effect upon enactment.
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